

Did your park make the grade?

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L.A.'s parks are a cornerstone of our quality of life where people rest, play, explore, and build community. To make sure all Angelenos can enjoy their parks as much as possible, I issued a first-of-its-kind report card grading 40 community parks, along with a survey of 3,700 people regarding park use. I created [ParkGrade.LA](#), an innovative website to help you understand our findings and see how Angelenos are using our parks right now.

We found that many parks have nice indoor gyms, children's play areas, and customer service, but there's work to do on maintaining restrooms and clearing litter. The L.A. Department of Recreation and Parks agreed with many of our findings and is working with us on ways to make our parks the best community assets they can be.

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L.A. Parks Report Card In the News:

LA Times: [LA parks get their report cards — and the bathrooms get a C](#)

NBC 4: [Los Angeles Parks Report Card: Does Your Park Make the Grade?](#)

LA Daily News: [Which LA parks get A's and which get F's? There's a new way to find out](#)

Curbed LA: [Are gross bathrooms keeping people away from LA parks?](#)

KPCC: [Dirty restrooms taint LA city park grades](#)

City Hall Comes Together for Homeless LGBTQ Youth

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It's hard enough trying to land a job when you live on the streets. It can be even tougher when you're openly LGBTQ. That's why my office teamed up with the Los Angeles LGBT Center,

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Councilmembers Mitch O'Farrell and Mike Bonin, and Mayor Eric Garcetti's office to collect donated professional clothing for homeless LGBTQ youth through the month of September.

Make a difference in the life of a young person looking for work. We're collecting gently used professional clothing, bags, shoes, and jewelry in my office, Room 300 of City Hall East and the Mayor's Help Desk on the third floor of City Hall until September 30.

[Watch more.](#)

Getting Ready for the Green Rush

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January 1, 2018 will be a big day in California. That's when people can buy marijuana without a medical card. Today, Los Angeles has a proliferation of illegal medical marijuana dispensaries, so we must be better prepared to regulate recreational marijuana. Recently, I chatted with CityPalooza about my thoughts and how my data map can help residents avoid deadbeat dispensaries.


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[Read the CityPalooza piece here.](#)

Meetings and Greetings

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Commemorating the 16th anniversary of 9/11

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Celebrating Mexican Independence Day in East LA

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Celebrating September Independence Days at El Grito Driving a Chevy Volt at Drive Electric in Woodland Hills

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